

country that would not agree with that—balance the budget, protect Medicare, alter welfare, and, Mr. President, the fourth item is lower taxes.

You would think that was a travesty from what we have heard on the floor; that it is an absolute sin to talk about lowering taxes on the American working family.

When Ozzie and Harriet were the pre-eminent American family, Ozzie sent 2 percent of his paycheck to this town. If Ozzie was here today, first of all his family would be completely different and not look a bit like what it was then, mainly because he would be sending 25 percent of every dime he earned to this town. Would it be any wonder that Harriet would not be in the house? She would have to be working.

Balance our budget—America wants that done; protect Medicare—America wants that done; change welfare—America wants that done; lower the financial burden on middle America so that it can do the job it is supposed to do with its own family and without a Washington caretaker—America wants that done.

Boy, you would never think that from what we have heard the last 2 days. I tell you. Where America is and where those speeches are is totally different.

A couple more things, and then I will allow the Presiding Officer to get on with his business of the day.

One, where has the President been in this debate? First, during the campaign, he said he was going to balance the budget in 5 years. I do not know what happened to that promise. He was going to balance the budget in 5 years. Then we offered a balanced budget, and he said, I am not offering any budget.

That is real leadership. That did not play very well in America.

So he says, OK, I am going to offer a budget. I will balance it in 10 years, and it will be easier to do. He has gone all over the country saying that. There is only one problem. That budget never balances, ever—not in 7 years, not in 5 years, not in 7, not in 10; never.

How do I know that? Because the Congressional Budget Office, which he told a joint session of Congress is the numbers we should use, says it will not. The only thing that says it will is the President and his own budget makers.

Mr. President, your budget does not balance, and that is not leadership, and it is not what America is asking for.

The last thing I am going to say is this, Mr. President. That is a sober message, that all our money would be gone for five things in less than 10 years; that Medicare is going bankrupt. We have to really get tough on managing our financial affairs.

That is a tough message, but America needs to know that at the end of the day, if we take charge of our business, if we run this country the way our forefathers would have us do it, the way those who went to Europe to defend it would have us do it, we will

send America into the next century with more hope and more opportunity than is even describable. We will lower interest rates. That will affect everybody who buys a car or a refrigerator or a home or has to borrow money to send kids to school. We will lower the economic pressure on those families. We will leave more money for them to manage their education, their housing, their retirement. We will create millions of new jobs—millions of new jobs. We will be strong. We will be the only superpower, and we will have the muscle to defend it.

This happens very quickly if we just start taking charge of our business. If nothing else would motivate you to do it, the kinds of results that come from managing our affairs ought to make every American be calling their Congressman, their Senator, and, yes, the President and say: Get on with this. Do this for me. Do this for my family. And, yes, do this for our country.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COVERDELL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY [LIBERTAD] ACT OF 1995

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I now ask the Senate resume the pending business, H.R. 927.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 927) to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:  
Dole amendment No. 2898, in the nature of a substitute.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DOLE. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the substitute amendment to Calendar No. 202, H.R. 927, an act to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba.

Bob Dole, Jesse Helms, Conrad Burns, Don Nickles, Frank H. Murkowski, John H. Chafee, Chuck Grassley, Paul D. Coverdell, Bob Smith, Hank Brown, Trent Lott, Larry E. Craig, Bill Frist, Jim Inhofe, Rod Grams, Mike DeWine.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1499. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of the Federal Field Work Group on Alaska rural sanitation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1500. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Superfund financial transactions for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1501. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Administrative Assistance to the States: Compliance with Nitrogen Oxides Requirements of the Transportation Conformity Rule"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1502. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Monitoring the Impact of Medicare Physician Payment Reform on Utilization and Access"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1503. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on hospital and hospital health care complex cost; to the Committee on Finance.